

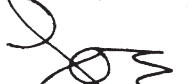
Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my legislative survey. Your views on transportation, energy costs and the budget surplus are important in helping determine our legislative priorities.

I also want to bring you up to date on the Bio-Medical Research Trust Fund, which was created through legislation I introduced. Now in its second year, this program will provide \$1.5 million in funding for research into heart disease, cancer and other smoking-related illnesses. It is exciting that an answer to the hopes of so many patients may be found in the studies funded by this Trust Fund.

My legislative priorities are discussed in this newsletter. If you would like to discuss the issues presented here, or any other matter important to you, please do not hesitate to e-mail or call my office at 1-800-842-1420. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.
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FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR **JOSEPH J. CRISCO, JR.**

2006 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

My Nutmeg Partnership Insurance Plan is designed to provide affordable insurance and access to health care for people between Medicaid and Medicare. Provisions that recently were passed unanimously by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee include:

- Continued coverage for children up to age 26, whether or not they are enrolled in an institution of higher learning;
- The creation of health insurance plans of limited scope for individuals who are not eligible for employer-sponsored plans, including independent contractors, part-time workers and retired individuals who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

As Vice Chairman of the Commerce Committee, I will be working with my colleagues on initiatives that encourage economic development and create jobs for the 21st century. On the agenda are:

- phasing out the manufacturing property tax;
- focusing the state's economic development apparatus on job creation;
- attracting movie studio projects; and,
- encouraging university research and development through challenge grants.

MORE ON HEALTH CARE INSURANCE:

OBESITY, DIABETES, BREAST CANCER, HUSKY

As Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I am working with my colleagues to address insurance coverage for obesity and to enhance and improve the provisions of insurance coverage now available. Our initiatives include:

- Providing insurance coverage for medically necessary diagnosis and treatment of obesity, including nutrition education, therapeutic exercises, bariatric surgery
- Ensuring the appropriate insurance coverage for breast cancer examinations
- Providing greater access to medically necessary diabetic equipment
- Providing for continuous coverage for children in HUSKY Part A or Part B for a period of twelve months from date of eligibility, unless they turn 19 years of age or leave the state

ENERGY

To encourage energy conservation for homeowners and businesses, I will work with my colleagues to make permanent the sales and use tax exemption on weatherization products, such as insulation, window film, water heaters, natural gas furnaces, certain windows and oil furnaces.



SPECIAL STATE PROGRAMS FOR NAUGATUCK



MEDICARE PART D BUS

Naugatuck Senior Center

April 20, 2006 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Please call Harvey at the Center at (203) 720-7069.

MOTHER/FATHERREAD 2006 AT THE NAUGATUCK YMCA

The Mother/FatherRead Connecticut program, a free program made possible by the



Connecticut Humanities Council and the Community Foundation, teaches parents how to read and discuss stories with their young children. I am proud that the Naugatuck YMCA is making this program available to Naugatuck families this year.